Appl. Ser. No.: 10/697,851 Attv. Dkt. 30894-101

CERTIFICATE OF ELECTRONIC FILING

I hereby certify that this correspondence is being filed electronically with the Commissioner for Patents. PO Box 1450. Alexandria, VA 22313-1450 on **November 25, 2008.**

Jeannette Collymore

IN THE UNITED STATES PATENT AND TRADEMARK OFFICE

Applicant(s):

Thomas Peterffy, et al.

Examiner: Bijendra K. SHRESTHA

Serial No: Filing Date: 10/697,851 October 30, 2003

Confirmation No. 9758

Art Unit: 3691

Title:

PRICE IMPROVEMENT PROCESSOR FOR ELECTRONIC TRADING

OF FINANCIAL INSTRUMENTS

BURNS & LEVINSON LLP 125 Summer Street Boston, MA 02110 (617) 345-3200

To:

Commissioner for Patents

P.O. Box 1450

Alexandria, VA 22313-1450

RESPONSE (B) TO OFFICE ACTION

Sir:

In response to the Final Office Action mailed June 25, 2008, Applicant submits the following amendment and response. A petition for a two-month extension of time under 37 CFR 1.136(a) is also enclosed herewith.

Amendments to the claims begin on page 3 of this paper.

Remarks begin on page 11 of this paper.

Claims 1-20 are currently pending in the application. Claims 1-20 are rejected under 35 U.S.C. § 103(a).

Through the amendments and the Remarks that follow, the rejections of claims 1-20 above are overcome.

In the event that extensions of time are necessary, such extensions of time are hereby petitioned under 37 C.F.R. § 1.136(a), and any fees required for consideration of this paper (including fees for net addition of claims) are authorized to be charged to our **Deposit Account No.** 03-2410, *Ref. No.* 30894-101.